



H.Con.Res. 162 – Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 162 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Patrick Murphy (D-PA) on May 24, 2007. The bill was sent to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 162 is expected to be considered on the House floor on November 6, 2007.

**Note – The Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act (H.R.1538) was passed by the House of Representatives on March 28, 2007 by a vote of 426 – 0. The Senate amended the legislation to include a 3.5 percent pay increase for members of all components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. The amended language was passed by the Senate on July 25, 2007 by unanimous consent.*

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 162 resolves that:

- Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of all components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps by 3.5 percent, effective January 1, 2008
- Congress and the President should increase the basic pay for members of all components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps during fiscal years 2009 through 2012 by at least 1/2 of 1 percent more than the raise calculated under the Employment Cost Index (ECI); and
- Congress and the President should provide a \$40 special survivor indemnity allowance for persons affected by required Survivor Benefit Plan annuity offsets for dependency and indemnity compensation.

BACKGROUND

There are 1,600,000 uniformed service men and women that have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Nearly 40 percent of the members of the Armed Forces, while deployed away from their permanent duty stations, have left families with children behind and over half the service members deployed are married.

There is currently a 4 percent gap between the pay of our service men and women and the private sector.

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